

--- 10 Pounds - "Series of 1883"- SNUFF - GREEN - 4th BABN Contract of October 22nd 1886 ---

--- inscribed with NOT MORE THAN / 40% / MOISTURE ---

--- recess printed on unwatermarked white bond paper - design 460 x 19 mm. - scanned at 35% scale ---

--- a three-part *paste-up* imperforate die proof - mounted on thin cardboard ---

--- three beavers with foliage design - stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. violet Gothic letters ---

John McKay records that 29,970 *lithographed* copies of "SNUFF, 10 lbs. Blue 40% and under" were delivered under the **4th BABN Contract** of October 22nd 1886. These were **RS-44(L)**. He also records the delivery of 1,665 *lithographed* copies in **black ink**. These were **RS-28(L)**. John McKay does not record production of a green "Snuff" strip - thus the following is probably a *colour trial proof*.

I cannot see how a *separate* facility would be set up to process *purely Canadian* snuff. The volume required would be too low to justify the cost of production. This paste-up proof may have been prepared as a demonstration for possible production.

--- Not More than 40% Moisture ---



★ 10 pounds, green, an imperforate paste-up proof,
recess printed on white bond paper - with three beavers and overhanging foliage
stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. violet Gothic

The collection also contains a similar three part *paste-up* proof, without the 3 mm. violet **CANCELLED** stamping.

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